

## INSTITUTE PLAYS HOST TO 15,000 AT HUGE EXHIBITION

Tool Laboratory Display Is Big  
Attraction As Many Pass  
Through

LIBRARY DRAWS OVER 4000

Largest Crowd Sees Evening  
Demonstrations And  
Fireworks

Enshrouded in an atmosphere of grandeur, Technology played host to more than 15,000 visitors Saturday on occasion of its fifth annual Open House, the event receiving a unanimous verdict as far surpassing any previous effort.

Variety, color, and interest were the results of the multitude of exhibits which represented every phase of Institute life. With seemingly every light lit and every machine working the only difficulty confronting the visitor was in choosing where to go first.

Honors in regards to the popularity of various exhibits with the spectators were fairly well divided. An endless throng milled its way through the machine tool laboratory which by its numerous mechanisms caught the eye of the visiting crowds and held it with machines that produced crews at the rate of one a second or welded small pieces of steel together with a white-hot arc.

### Office Supplies On Display

Taking its place as a part of the Open House display although not really a part of the Institute, the office appliance exhibit held over from Friday enhanced the whole affair by offering something entirely unexpected by the visitors. Twenty-one exhibitors displayed every form of modern office equipment.

Every nook and cranny of the Institute buildings was the recipient of attention from some part of the visiting crowd during the day. The foundry, the hangar and Walker Memorial each had its share of visitors who appeared to enjoy the pouring of molten

## Research Experts In Radiotelephony Speak Here Today

Many Features of Linking Wire  
Systems With Radio Will  
Be Explained

"Long-Distance Radiotelephony as a Link in Wire Systems" is the subject of the Electrical Engineering Department's Colloquium this afternoon and tomorrow. As before, the meetings will take place in room 10-275 from 2 to 4 o'clock. Two research experts of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be the speakers. Mr. Espenschied has been intimately associated with the research and development work on loading coils and transformers; carrier telephony and telegraphy; and in particular, trans-oceanic radiotelephony and radio broadcasting as projected and carried on by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He is now head of the Radio and Carrier Current Development groups in that organization. Mr. Espenschied was receiving engineer in Honolulu in the trans-oceanic radiotelephony tests in 1915. The results of these tests are classic.

### Obtain References In Library

Mr. Bown, before becoming associated with the Department of Research of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was in charge of a Radio Development at the Signal Corps Radio Laboratories, Camp Alfred Vail. Since his connection with the Telephone Company he has been carrying on development work on broadcasting, trans-atlantic radio telephony and other applications of radio. Because of his scientific contributions he has been the recipient of awards, and has the honor of being President of the Institute of Radio Engineers for 1927. A list of suggested references containing general subject matter to be covered in the Colloquium has been posted on the department bulletin boards. Copies may be obtained from Mrs. Katherine Maynard, Vail Librarian. One set of these has been marginally marked for important sections by the speakers.

## R. O. T. C. Companies Compete For Banner

Which company of the freshman infantry battalion will carry the banner? A banner has been offered by the Faculty for the company which presents the best drill. It will be in the nature of a guidon and will always be carried by the company when at drill.

This guidon will continue with this company throughout the year although the personnel will change, and will be presented again to the company which passes the test board in June. It is contemplated calling upon officers from other institutions to act as a test board to judge the proficiency of the company by observing their forming for parade and review, their marching in review, their military bearing, their arms accoutrements and uniforms as well as their general military appearance.

## SENIOR SIGNUPS COME OUT TODAY

Sales Drive for Class Function  
Continues Till Wednesday  
Afternoon at 5

In the Main Lobby and in all the Senior Sections, members of the Senior Week Committee will button-hole fourth year students today as the start of the annual Senior Week sign-up campaign. The drive is scheduled to last only until Wednesday for the Committee believes that it will have no trouble in reaching its quota of sales.

Last week several advance signups were made, and the readiness of the Seniors to buy seems to warrant a large sale of blanket tickets. Each member of the Senior Week Committee has been appointed to canvas a certain group of men personally, but is not restricted in his sales to that group.

### Two New Men On Committee

Blanket tickets will cover admission to the class picnic, prom, tea dance, and pop concert, but those who wish to do so may obtain tickets which admit a person to everything except the prom. By purchasing the entire blanket ticket, the Seniors will save several dollars, but due to the increased expense of this year's prom, the Committee feels that there will be a large number of men who will prefer to leave it out of the week's festivities.

Two new men, Frank C. Staples '27 and David R. Knox '27 were elected to the Senior Week Committee at the last meeting to fill vacancies which have been left recently. Fred C. Earl '27 has resigned from the Committee because of the fact that he has been forced to leave for home because of ill health. James H. Frink '27 has been automatically dropped from the group as a result of having had two unexcused absences. The ruling which expels a man from the committee for such an offence is final.

## 110 Aspire to Offices of Four Classes —Exceeds Last Year's Total by Eight

Class of 1927 Least With Four  
Nominees, While Freshmen  
Have 42 Running

Surpassing the last year's number of nominees by eight the total number of names which will appear on the election ballots on Wednesday is 110. Of this number four are running for the permanent offices of the Class of 1927. Showing the usual increase towards the lower classes the Class of 1928 has 27 nominees, Class of 1929 has 37, while the Class of 1930 has 42.

There are two nominees for President of next year's Senior Class Henry B. Dean '28 and Ralph T. Jope '28. Dean prepared at Phillips Andover Academy and entered the Institute as a freshman. He was president of his class both his freshman and Sophomore years here. During his first year his activities consisted of the Musical

# TRACK CAPTAIN WINS HIGH HURDLE EVENT AT PENN CARNIVAL

## T. C. Desmond '09 Gives an Interview On June Reunion

Will Be Held in New York City  
—Varied Program Is  
Promised

Thomas C. Desmond '09, President of the Technology Clubs Associated and Vice-President of the M. I. T. Alumni Association was in Cambridge on last Friday and Saturday conferring with various Alumni with reference to the forthcoming Technology Convention and Reunion which is to be held in New York City on Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11.

When interviewed by THE TECH, Mr. Desmond said that he hoped THE TECH would emphasize to the present Technology undergraduates, and especially to members of the present Senior Class, that they would all be very welcome at the various events of the convention.

### Fix Convenient Date

"Commencement this year comes on Tuesday, June 7th," said Mr. Desmond, "and we fixed the dates of this convention, opening on the following Friday, June 10th, with the idea that this would make it convenient for Dr. Samuel W. Stratton and the various members of the Institute faculty to attend the convention, as well as some of the undergraduates."

"Undergraduates who would pass through New York City on their way home after Commencement should not overlook this convenient opportunity to stay over in New York City for a couple of days at the Convention. It may give them a valuable chance to become personally acquainted with older Technology Alumni who employ large numbers of technical men and possibly affect favorably their future business careers. Mr. Desmond is serving as General Chairman of the Convention Committee."

### Charter Special Boat

As announced by the committee in charge, the program is as follows: At 10 o'clock on June 10 registration will take place at Convention headquarters, the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at Fifth Avenue and 34th Street. During the remainder of the morning and afternoon there will be business and discussion sessions at which there will be addresses by Dr. Stratton, and by various members of the Faculty, Corporation, and Alumni. There will be distributed during the sessions a special convention issue of THE TECH. E. W. Eurtan '17 is chairman of the sub-committee for this event.

The specially chartered "Chauncey M. Depew" of the Hudson River Day Line will carry the convention members on a boat ride, picnic supper, smoker, and entertainment up the

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## Some Library Facts Not Generally Known

Did you know that the tops of the reading tables in the Library were all cut from a single cherry tree which grew in Vermont? The heavy tops are supported by birch ends.

Did you know that the 32 lamps in the dome take 500 watts each and would cost \$1.50 an hour to operate if power were supplied by the Cambridge Lighting Company?

Did you ever know that the interior of the Library was patterned upon the Pantheon at Rome?

## PRESCOTT ELECTED ALUMNI PRESIDENT

George E. Merryweather Wins  
Vice Presidency for Two  
Year Term

Dr. Samuel C. Prescott '94, Head of the department of Biology and Public Health, and one of the best known biologists in the country, was elected President of the Technology Alumni Association, it was announced at a meeting of the Alumni Council last Friday night.

He succeeds Elisha Lee '92, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad and will take office in July. Dr. Prescott, who was graduated in the Class of 1894, has been Vice-President of the Alumni Association for the past two years. He is internationally known for his work in biology, particularly in the industrial field in which he has specialized. At present he holds memberships and offices in many honorary societies such as the American Chemical Society, American Public Health Association, American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

### Was Major During War

His work during the war figured greatly in bringing him into prominence when he held the rank of major in the Sanitary Corps and was Chief of the Division of Dehydration in the Bureau of Chemistry at Washington. He was director for three years of the Research Laboratories of the United Fruit Company of Port Limon, Costa Rica, where he made notable studies in food preservation.

Elisha Lee '92 of Philadelphia, William Z. Ripley '90, professor of Economics at Harvard University, and Roger W. Babson of Wellesley, Mass., were elected nominees for term membership on the Corporation. They were elected from a field of nine and will serve on the Corporation for five years.

George E. Merryweather '96, president of the Corporation for five years.

## MILITARY DEPARTMENT ISSUES NEWS BULLETIN

Will Be Distributed Weekly To  
Advanced R. O. T. C. Men

With its first issue on Friday the Weekly Information Bulletin of the Institute Military Science Department made its debut. Each issue of this bulletin will be distributed to all members of the R. O. T. C. except the freshman units.

In a foreword of the bulletin Colonel Harold E. Cloke, head of the department, remarks, "So many little matters come up from time to time which require answers that, it is believed this bulletin will tend to clarify considerably."

"Extracts of important orders, regulations, and rulings by the War Department will be published. Information concerning duties in the R. O. T. C. at the Institute will be given. In fact, everything that students in the course will want to know will be included in this Weekly Bulletin."

## MILE RELAY TEAM AND STEINBRENNER SCORE IN GAMES

Michigan State, Last Minute  
Entry, Takes Muddy  
Relay Race

MEET RUN OFF IN RAIN

Technology's entries in last Friday and Saturday's Penn Relays made a very creditable showing, considering the weather conditions, taking a first in the special 120-yd. high hurdles and second in the Class B mile relay. Captain Hank Steinbrenner, after winning his heat in the preliminaries, walked right off with the finals on Friday afternoon, winning over such opposition as Daskin of Alabama Polytech, Caruthers of Cornell, Weightman-Smith of Cambridge University, and Lawrence of Princeton.

Hank romped home in 15 1-5 seconds, breaking his own Institute record of 15 2-5. He was about a yard or so to the good at the finish line, and exhibited better form in topping the sticks than any of his competitors, Daskin finished second, and Caruthers third.

### Muddy Track On Saturday

Saturday was one of the wettest days that has ever fallen upon the Penn games, and the track was a veritable pond. Technology's entries in the field events were unable to make their feet behave in the slimy ground, and both Wiebe and McCarthy were unable to place. The poor conditions were doubtless as much of a handicap to the other entrants as to the Tech boys, but neither of them could make any progress.

McCarthy fouled in two of his three attempts at throwing the javelin, and Wiebe was unable to get a good take-off in the broad jump. The marks

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## Open Sale of 1930 Dance Tickets In Main Lobby Today

Professor and Mrs. Pearson  
And Mr. and Mrs. Greene  
Will be Chaperones

Freshmen will start selling tickets to their dance of May 13 in the Main Lobby today, and will continue to do so all this week during the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock. This will give all the students at Technology a chance to obtain admission since before this the tickets have only been on sale by the freshman section leaders and in the fraternity houses.

Dormitory men will be able to get their tickets either from freshman salesmen appointed there or from the Dormitories office where tickets will be placed on sale today.

Professor and Mrs. Henry G. Pearson, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Greene have consented to act as chaperones for the dance given by the Class of 1930. Both Pearson and Greene, as members of the English Department have had a great deal of contact with the freshmen. Professor Pearson, head of the department, has helped the class with all their activities, especially the two class smokers.

## CALENDAR

Monday, May 2

2:00—de Thierry lecture, Room 5-330.  
2:00—Electrical Engineering Department colloquium, Room 10-275.  
5:00—Corporation XV stockholders' meeting, Room 1-190.

Tuesday, May 3

2:00—Electrical Engineering Department colloquium, Room 10-275.

Wednesday, May 4

—Class elections, Main Lobby.  
5:00—Meeting of freshman Section Leaders, Room 10-275.

Friday, May 6

8:00—Radio Society meeting, Room 10-275.



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### THE PLANKS IN THEIR PLATFORMS

THE LIST of nominations published last Friday reveals the startling fact that there are only two nominees for the office of Senior Class President. The office will be battled for by politicians Joep and Dean, and voting promises to be one of the hottest political contests ever staged at the Main Lobby polling booths. The outcome of this contest is of grave concern to the Institute, for to the winner goes the important position of leading the destinies of the Institute Committee for the coming year.

It is very important to all voters that they know more about these men before they give either of them the responsibility of this office. First we desire to know their complete past history and any scandal connected thereto. We do know that Mr. Ralph Theodore Joep is a native of Portland, Maine, and a resident of the Democratic M. I. T. Dormitories, a section which is quite comparable to the "Solid South." We also know that Mr. Henry Bower Dean is a Southern boy from Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a high hat resident of upper Memorial Drive. Both of these men are politicians of long standing, each having been president of the class of 1928 in former years.

THE TECH, therefore, on behalf of its readers, takes this opportunity to openly question the nature of the planks which each of these men have in their political platforms. To bring these facts to light we desire that these candidates separately answer in our Wednesday's Open Forum Column the following questions: 1. Are your sympathies all-wet, wet, moist, damp, dewey, dry or bone-dry? 2. Do you favor establishment of a pension system for Technology Secretaries? 3. Will you investigate the nature of Voo Doo's board banquets and the scandal connected with the condition of its treasury? 4. Have you any workable plan for encouraging the attendance of Co-eds with sex appeal? 5. What is your attitude towards the Cambridge Police force? 6. What are you going to do about the gravel in the Great Court, should you be elected? 7. Will you do everything in your power to reduce the prices charged by the Faculty's tutorial monopoly? 8. Do you favor a uniform size and shade of brown bags? 9. What is your attitude toward Harvard's daily revival of the Historic Boston tea fight and Haa-vaad undergraduates in general? 10. Are you in favor of reviving the Technology Circus? 11. In what way will Technology in general and the Class of 1928 in particular benefit from your being class president? 12. Why did you come to the Institute (five reasons required). We await your answers!

### WE NEED A SCORE BOARD

AN ATHLETIC field without a scoreboard is like a class room without a black board. It seems strange that the Institute teams have gone through all these victories and defeats without providing the spectators with the proper accommodation. Surely greater interest would be shown by the crowds, especially the late arrivals, if the exact condition of the battle stared forth from a board. The stirring moments of a game, when the crowd stamps in the stands is when the score is even known by the old professor and his wife, usually the most disinterested couple in the stands.

Now that the Beavers are back with us, and interfraternity and dormitory games are being scheduled, there seems to be a greater necessity for some means of informing those who only have a passable interest in sports of the exact score. This necessity was quite apparent at the baseball game following the Technique Rush when spectators were arriving throughout the entire game. Such conversations as "What's the score,"—"Sorry, don't know," could be heard thruout the crowd. Surely greater interest might be created at the baseball games and the spectators better accommodated, if Tech Field had that score board.

## THE OPEN FORUM

To the Combined Boards of The Tech. It has recently come to our notice that that scorbittical, exanthematous, micturitionous excrement which has sullied the fair name of Technology by terming itself THE tech, has so far recovered from its torpid and leprous condition as to require silencing again. This time THE TECH ENGINEERING NEWS will have the pleasure of overwhelming these scrimy "literary" hacks who have had the temerity to challenge this infinitely superior organization to a contest on the field of sport.

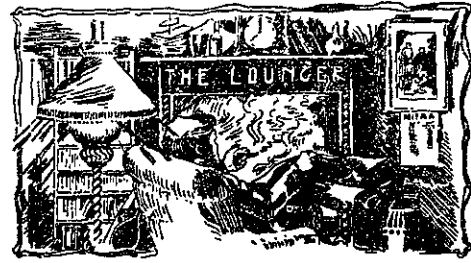
Weary of the inevitable annual drubbing in a certain other field, these massacres of the English language have sought both to change their opponent and manner of defeat. The challenged organization, however, bearing the other opponents of this filthy fly-sheet no ill-will, and being undesirous of depriving them of the pleasure of earning their yearly repeat, will accept only on the implicit condition that this will in no way interfere with the aforesaid recreation. To cause the cessation of the other game would be much like depriving a father of the privilege of beating his son. We notice that in the present case the instigators of this obscene folder have arranged no provisions for supplying us with regalements afterwards, but as here again we bear the business department no ill-will, whom we feel was not responsible for the challenge, we shall accept the conditions as stipulated.

Contrary to the belief expressed in THE tech there are three bases besides the home plate—not four. Any other technicality which these grubstreet writers may wish to have cleared up—and they are undoubtedly numerous since they went so far in this case as to give advice to themselves—may be duly clarified by making fit application to the T. E. N. office. We would advise that the entire team be taken to see a game of baseball prior to the carnage in order to speed up the game.

As we realize that the tech lineup will read like the roll-call at a meeting of the Menorah society the umpire will render his decisions in both tongues. And furthermore, since the tech pitcher is likely to mistake the catchers signal for a bit of repartee, we would suggest that his difficulty be obviated by the election of a gentile to the staff.

"Until a tech player steals from fourth home."

The managing board of  
Tech Eng. News.



Open house, but try and get in! The first door the Lounger found was locked; the second had a sign—use main entrance; but the main entrance was roped off very effectively. So the Lounger came over to Walker and sat in the News Room—the only place he felt at home with the Institute on its good behavior.

When he did get in the Main Building, what a change he found. A Technology he dimly recollects having seen a year ago, but never since. Stenographers were carefully out of sight, and the professors were proudly showing their wives over the "plant." But inasmuch as the visitors came to see M. I. T. as is, why not keep some of the local scenery? Why not prove that Technology is not all work and no play, and keep the stenogs in view; the place would have appeared far more natural too if a janitor or so had been blocking traffic with a mop and a wet hallway. It is true that the rookies gave their own peculiar touch of local color, as did some of the Faculty ranting away in empty classrooms, but oh for a stenog!

Which brings the Lounger to the subject of girls. One would think that Open House meant a general call to bring around that girl that hadn't been seen for ages back, just so she wouldn't mind being forgotten at the next dance. The Lounger is surprised at the taste, and most of the students frankly admitted that it wasn't so good at times. Very few Techers, the Lounger noticed, went around with the proud expressions of "Pretty sweet, right?" but rather "Well, don't blame me; I had to do it." Then every once in a while along would come a brown-bagger dragging a brown-bagette, with his whole visage shouting "Hot darn! Why didn't I ever try this before?" The Lounger gives them his best wishes.

What a promising bunch of future professors these open houses do develop. With half an army of frosh kaydets lecturing capably hour after hour on all the displays about which they know absolutely nothing, the world need never worry for a shortage in the teaching profession. The Lounger firmly believes that many a freshman could now change places with most any of the Faculty, and do just as rank a job. With this in mind, the Lounger parked his hat and coat and stationed himself near the hydraulics ditch, and within half a minute found himself spelling away as profoundly as any professor ever did on the subject of weer measurements. In the half hour that his voice held out, he swears he learned more about water than he ever knew existed.

And now a word about open houses of the future; aside from the restoration of the life studies in the offices, the Lounger suggests that the improved sleeping conditions in the class rooms be put on display as well as the loafing spots of the laboratories. In view of the fact that some fifty frosh were supposed to be making up on lab periods by hanging around for the edification of the guests, why not let a chosen group bring sheets and blankets to a few of the lecture rooms and make up some of the lost hours there? Many an instructor would be willing to sing the laulabys up in front.

Much as the Lounger dislikes making these facts public, he feels that it is necessary to the men who in the years to come may run for vice-presidents of their classes. It seems that someone told someone who passed it on to the Lounger that Bobby Kales, having shoved up two in the past year from the insignificance of vice-presi-

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## AS WE SEE THE MOVIES

### METROPOLITAN

The feature picture at the Metropolitan this week is "Afraid to Love," starring Florence Vidor and Clive Brook. It is a love drama built around the "eternal triangle" style of plot with two women vying for the man's affections—one of whom, Florence Vidor, is the man's wife. Clive Brook portrays the husband who does not know that he loves his wife until she is about to be taken away from him. Considered as a whole the picture is a good love story, but it is not unusual in plot form, or method of presentation. However, it is quite capable of holding one's interest and the characterizations are quite well taken to represent certain types.

Gene Rodemich and his fourteen "Met" Merry Makers appear for the third successive week with an excellent program of jazz music, augmented by Frankie Judnick, playing "Sam the Old Accordion Man" on his accordion, the Neale Sisters, and our favorite Miss Evelyn Hoey. This part of the program was very well received.

The life of Gioacchino Rossini is depicted in one of the Music Master Series pictures accompanied by the playing of "William Tell," "The Barber of Seville," and "Stabat Mater," his three greatest compositions. The Grand Orchestra presents "Il Trovatore," and "Rigoletto."

## PLAY DIRECTORY

STAGE  
COLONIAL: "Criss Cross."—Good music and the Stones.  
COPLEY: "The Ghost Train."—On its last lap.  
HOLLIS: Dark.  
MAJESTIC: "Pickwick"—Something different.  
PLYMOUTH: "Iolanthe" (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.). "The Pirates of Penzance."—If you like operas.  
SHUBERT: "The Vagabond King."—For stirring music.  
ST. JAMES: "The Butter and Egg Man."—Comes with past fame.  
TREMONT: "Oh, Please."—You will like Beatrice Lillie.  
WILBUR: "Yes, Yes, Yvette."—Yes, Yes, you bet.

SCREEN  
FENWAY: "Moulders of Men."—With Conway Tearle.  
METROPOLITAN: "Afraid of Love."—Reviewed in this issue.  
STATE: "Demi Bride."—Norma Shearer.

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## —THE TECH BOOK LIST—

### THE OLD COUNTESS

THE OLD COUNTESS, by Anne Douglas Sedgwick. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company. \$2.50.

In *The Old Countess*, Anne Douglass Sedgwick has again produced a character portrayal scintillating with that deep penetration and complete understanding so apparent in her *Little French Girl*. It is of people and their thoughts that she writes—not of their accomplishments. The action, or rather, the location, of the story is in the little town of Bussiac in the river country of France.

There is a forlorn, hopeless tone to the story which becomes more and more depressing as one proceeds. The country is forlorn, the river is forlorn, the animals are starved and forlorn and most forlorn of all are the Countess and her protegee in their musty and dilapidated mansion.

We see the Countess as a complex character, one minute the haughty aristocrat, the condescending hostess, a moment later a crying, appealing, cringing hag, every vestige of pride disappeared. Mysterious, old and ugly, passionate, cruel, excessively jealous, she is not a lovely woman, yet at times one loves her deeply. At other times she arouses hate and fury but one cannot help but pity her always.

It is in her portrayal of the protegee, Mademoiselle Luderac, the ostracized daughter of a murderess, that Mrs. Sedgwick is most vivid and graphic. Here she draws a character so appealing, so pathetic and forlorn, and withal so lovable that you are certain that there can be no such being. Yet she is so vivid that one realizes her more than any of the other characters. She is a person of whom you would know more, the Countess one of whom you would know less.

There is nothing new or novel in the theme. It is the familiar story of passionate love and duel devotion. Dick Graham, English artist, is madly in love with his pretty and vivacious wife, Jill, and at the same time completely enamored with Mademoiselle Luderac. His wife, realizing his love for the French girl, steals herself to give him up and the characteristic forlorn trend continues.

A very cleverly developed character study of the first order, one might well term the story, but not a jolly evening's entertainment. It affords a splendid opportunity to forget your own petty tribulations in the greater woes of others. F. E. A.

### ORDINARY PEOPLE

ANDY BRANDT'S ARK, by Edna Bryner; New York, E. P. Dutton & Company; 500 Pages. \$2.50.

It is seldom that the modern realistic novel is so apparently true to life as Miss Bryner's "Andy Brandt's Ark." Practically everyone knows of family difficulties very similar to those narrated, and the story will probably appeal to those who are not the extreme of optimism and yet not the extreme pessimism.

Aun Brandt, otherwise known as Andy, is a young lady who through ambition and hard work has broken away from the restraining force of a home in which there is none too much love evident, secured an education, a good position, and finally an understanding pal for a husband. Althea, her younger sister, who is still treated as a baby, although she is twenty-five, finally attracts Andy's attention to affairs at home. Her attempts to straighten out matters is the basis of the story.

The characters are exceptionally well drawn and they have a strong appeal due to their humanness for they are ordinary people activated by ordinary motives. Mother Brandt, who is quite incapable of caring for her large family can always find someone else to blame. Father Brandt, a slave of what appears to him to be duty, is little understood by his family for whom he has hard work to provide.

One handicap of the book is its cloddy style in places where the author jumps from one thing to another with amazing rapidity. These are usually places recording Andy's thoughts and although they quite accurately represent the workings of a human mind, they are rather difficult to follow. For the most part the style is quite clear so that while there are

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## COLLEGIATE STUFF IS PRESS DEMAND

### Undergraduates To Contribute Student Outlook On Moral Issues

A recent wave of interest among the newspaper reading public about collegiate affairs and opinions has caused a great demand for "Collegiate Stuff" among the newspapers of the country, states the *New Student*. Football, college morals, the "revolt," and more recently the suicide wave, seem to have been the most interesting and consequently most in demand.

Latest effort along this line is a proposal for an international news service of student writers by the United Feature Syndicate of New York, an organization owned and operated by the United Press.

As a source for this service the Syndicate has sent out a call for articles written by students, not to exceed 500 words "giving a direct, vitalized, and intelligent cross section of youthful thought and outlook." Five or six of the most important and most interesting articles so secured will be organized into a weekly service for Saturday or Sunday or perhaps weekly publications. One third of the gross profits from the sales of the articles will go to the writers.

#### Syndicate's Topics

In order to obtain uniformity of contributions the Syndicate has suggested twelve topics, of which the most important are: What three Americans are having the most influence on thought of the American youth; Is Judge Lindsay's companionate marriage proposal a remedy?; Is Christianity destined to endure?; Is the United States becoming imperialistic, or are we on the war of Rome?; and Are colleges moulding or are they moulded by public opinion?

This effort is causing considerable interest in a number of western universities. As well as offering articles to the Syndicate, a number of western university students have likewise realized the need for intercollegiate articles and news to satisfy readers. Thus *The Stanford Daily* (Stanford University) and *The Daily Bruin* (University of Southern California) have established an intercollegiate radio news service. As yet only a few items have been transmitted, but those in charge are hopeful, stating that the service is yet young.

### T. C. DESMOND TELLS ABOUT JUNE REUNION

Date of Gathering Is Three  
Days After Commencement

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Hudson Friday evening, returning later in the night. The sub-committee chairman for the latter is D. R. Linsley '22, and R. J. Marlow '17 is head of the sub-committee on excursions during Saturday morning and afternoon, when convention members may take guided trips to many points of interest around New York City. As the closing event there will be a banquet in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening. The "special, advance, reduced rate" blanket tickets are priced at ten dollars each, and ladies will be admitted to all convention events.

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## Big Crowd Sees Exhibits Put On By Departments

### Machine Tool Laboratory Is Big Attraction To The Curious

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metal, the proximity to big guns, or the work of the student activities afforded in these locations.

#### Many Visit Library

In Building 10 the fourth floor and the Main Library which failed to draw their share of the visitors last year due to their height above the main line of traffic were well crowded at all times during the Open House period with the result that the spectators were rewarded with interesting displays by the library together with an inspection of the immense pendulum proving the rotation of the earth and a group of unique exhibits demonstrating the work in the departments of biology and bacteriology.

Although the exhibits were displayed practically continuously through the whole period the larger audience was present for the evening program. The spectacle of seeing the Institute illuminated not only with its own lights but with the white light of the 36 inch searchlight from across the river caused even the people on the Harvard-Dudley street cars to crowd the windows to watch the display.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the military science maneuvers on the parade ground and the chemical war service exhibition which rivalled the Fourth of July in color served the purpose of drawing the people out of the buildings and bringing the annual event to a close.

## 16 MEN INITIATED INTO TAU BETA PI

At the last meeting of Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary fraternity, 16 men were initiated. These men are all of the Class of 1928 and their names are John A. Jameson, Jr., George P. Palo, Benjamin S. Kelsey, Everard M. Lester, John G. Pratz, Jr., George Clabane, Wallace H. Heidtmann, Norton M. Case, Joseph V. McQuillen, David Y. Bradshaw, Robert T. Wise, George D. Mock, James Donovan, Burdett P. Cothell, and Gordon F. Rogers.

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dent to the exaltedness of main high hat, is now a big factor in the campaign for Cy Meagher for president. Just the fact that Cy managed to get hold of all the other petitions for the job except his own would seem to show a bug somewhere. If Cy and Bob continue to run the thing as capably, he'll be elected sure.

## NOTICES

### OFFICIAL

#### PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Medical Department is desirous of making a physical examination of every Senior before he graduates and it is hoped that every Senior will avail himself of this opportunity to ascertain his physical condition.

Appointments for this examination may be made in Room 3-019 of the Medical Department.

### UNDERGRADUATE

#### CORPORATION XV

There will be a stockholder's meeting in 1-190 at 5 o'clock this afternoon to elect officers for next year.

#### TECHNIQUE

Holders of paid-in-full signups for Technique may secure their copies of the yearbook in the Technique office in Walker.

#### FRESHMEN

A Freshman assistant is needed by the Wrestling management. Here is a chance to become manager in your Junior year. Leave notice on Wrestling desk in A. A. office.

#### FRESHMAN NUMERALS

Freshmen on the following teams who have earned their numerals may obtain the same by calling at the M. I. T. A. A. office.

Track Team  
Wrestling Team  
Boxing Team  
Swimming Team  
Basketball Team

## Engagements Detrimental to Morale Of Undergraduates, Says College Paper

### Publication Predicts Decline of "Affairs d'Amour" Among Students

Engagements are practically ruining the morale of college students is the opinion of the editorial staff of the *Daily Nebraskan*, who take the trouble to condemn such entanglements. Other colleges are practically following suit, since glorious spring weather is with us once more. It has often been said that "When the grass is green and the air becomes warm, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, and all the girls are out for 'big game.'"

Technology, however, does not wait for the spring weather, for only a short time ago a Simmons-Tech merger was predicted due to the large number of engagements between these two colleges. During the past academic year we have found as many as twelve students sacrificing their liberty for the fair sex.

The *Daily Nebraskan* goes so far as to predict that these "affairs d'armour" will not be permanent for three reasons. The average young man is strictly financially unable to take on the cares of a husband. Secondly, many engagements are consummated merely because the girl desires the experience of being engaged. Thirdly, and most important of all, because of "hedging." By a personal interview with a feminine engagee in a town near Boston, it was found that many girls immediately start hedging after the first thrills of the engagement have worn off. "We aren't going to gamble everything on a straw, when we can't marry for several years anyway."

If a better automobile comes along, we often do some hasty reconnoitering—and lo, another engagement is broken," is the statement of this member of the fair sex who is well experienced in these matters. We cannot publish her name for obvious reasons.

Thus when students become engaged, they cannot honestly devote their time to their studies as they should, and consequently the condemnation by our contemporary, *The Nebraskan*. This state of affairs was caused no doubt by the condition at one of the sorority houses there, where but three sisters remain without a mate.

## BIOLOGY HEAD NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Succeeds Elisha Lee '92—Will  
Take Office on July 1

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dent of the Motch and Merryweather Machinery Company of Cleveland was elected to the Vice-Presidency of the Alumni organization for two years. Frederick Bernard of Watertown, and Dr. Allan W. Rowe '01 of Boston, succeeded in gaining membership on the Alumni Executive Committee for two years. Representatives-at-large elected to the Alumni Council for two years were Prescott V. Kelly of Alabama; Charles W. Loomis of Detroit; Neal E. Tourtelotte of Seattle, Washington; Paul M. Wiswall of New York; and Harry H. Young of Boston.

Class representatives elected to the Alumni Council for five years by the classes whose numerals end in three and eight were: Robert H. Richards '68, Francis H. Williams '73, James W. Rollings '78, Horace B. Gale '83, John C. Runkle '88, George B. Glidden '93, Elliott R. Barker '98, John W. Howard '03, Herbert T. Gerrish '08, Ellis W. Brester '13, Julian C. Howe '18, E. E. Kattinkai '23.

## CONCLUDES SERIES OF LECTURES TODAY

De Thierry, Hydraulics Expert,  
Interests Many

Mr. George H. de Thierry of Berlin will conclude his series of three illustrated lectures on the work being done in German Hydraulics Laboratories with a lecture in room 5-330 at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. de Thierry is Professor of Hydraulics and Hydraulic Engineering at the Technical University of Charlottenburg, Berlin, and has been lecturing in Buffalo, since his last series of lectures at the Institute. The lectures all are illustrated with slides and moving pictures showing the students at work on the various problems.

In his last lecture Saturday Mr. de Thierry dealt with the topic, Design and Improvement of Canals and Canal Locks, but he has not announced the exact phase of his subject that he will take up today.

## 110 ARE NOMINATED FOR CLASS OFFICES

### Class of 1929 Have To Choose From 37 Nominees And Juniors From 27

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Debating Society, and a member of Junior Prom Committee, Theta Tau, Pi Delta Epsilon, and Calumet Club.

#### Allen, McClintock And McCune

C. Brigham Allen has taken active interest in Institute athletics. In his freshman year he was a member of the field day relay team and later joined the freshman track and basketball squads. This year he was on the Sophomore field day relay team, Varsity basketball and track teams. Allen was also on the Sophomore Dance Committee, is President of the Beaver Club and has been on the art staff of Voo Doo during his two years at Technology.

Norman L. McClintock graduated from Reading High School. At the Institute he took part in freshman cross-country, freshman basketball, track and was the class president during his first year. In the past school year he has participated in Varsity cross-country, basketball and was one of the class representatives on the Institute Committee.

Curtiss S. McCune, after an active four years at the East Stroudsburg High School, entered Technology in his freshman year. During his two years here, he has been connected with the Musical Clubs in a piano specialty act, with Tech Show 1927, the Sophomore Dance Committee, the Beaver Club and the freshman and Sophomore Tug-of-War teams.

In Friday's issue of *THE TECH* the name of Allan H. Stone '30 was omitted from the list of nominees for president of the Class of 1930. This was due to his having been tardy in handing his nomination paper.

## CHEMICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Members Will Elect Next Year  
Officers Tomorrow

Elections for the coming year to the Technology Chemical Society will be held in front of the office of Professor Frederick G. Keyes, Room 4-173, all day tomorrow. There will be a desk there where the ballots may be secured and then turned in. Presidential nominees are Albert J. Puschin '28 and George H. Reynolds '28, and Everett V. Lewis is the only candidate for vice-president.

Herbert L. King Jr. '29 and Arthur K. Scott '29 are the nominees for secretary-treasurer. So far no nominations for Trip Manager have been received, so the voters may write their choice for that position on their ballot. All members are requested by the present officers to vote.

Because of the inefficiency of the blind date system, the University of Washington has established a dating bureau.

## THE TECH BOOK LIST

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no exciting parts and little light comedy. It is a book which will hold its reader through its realism to the end.  
H. T. G.

## RIATA AND SPURS

RIATA AND SPURS, by Charles A. Siringo. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. \$3.

We have heard the story of the West as told by the novelists who have either studied its history or taken it on hearsay—what we haven't heard is the true story of the West as told by one who has grown up with it. Now comes Charles Siringo to write the saga of the West; to draw from a lifetime of experience the details that will give the world a keen appreciation of the men who lived for and made the West.

"*Riata and Spurs*" is Charlie Siringo's autobiography; it is the life story of a man who knows the West thoroughly, a man who began the colorful career of cowboy at the age of twelve, a man who knew intimately all the famous characters of its history, a man whose gun was respected, and a man, who as range detective, was scrupulously avoided by men with prices upon their heads.

Here is a true tale that pales fiction. "Billy the Kid" and the other outlaws of the day live again in the pages of the book. Their deeds are neither colored nor darkened; they are told in the simple, honest, and straightforward manner of one who understood the men, and their motives.

Indeed so remarkable is the book that it is extremely disarming. It takes away much of the bad taste of "outlaws" as left by "dime thrillers" which youth seems to be heir to. But while the book is not a deprecation of their actions, neither is it an apologetica for them.

From start to finish it is characterized by a nice appreciation of balance, a real understanding of human interest values, a vital yet humorous vein, a frankness that bespeaks truth. "*Riata and Spurs*" is a book that deserves a space on the bookshelves of every person who likes adventure in a pure and unadulterated form.

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Temple University has abolished all examinations because the psychology department has declared them antiquated and inaccurate.

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